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WAXMAN GIVES STRONG SUPPORT TO 55 MILE PER HOUR RULE

Rep. Henry A. Waxman, (D-Los Angeles), a California delegate to the Democratic National Convention and Chairman of the key House Subcommittee on Health and the Environment has pledged "total and absolute support" for retaining the 55 mile per hour speed limit. The Congressman said raising the limit (as Republican presidential nominee Ronald Reagan proposed) would be tantamount to "writing death certificates for more than 6,000 Americans each year."

Waxman said,

"The 55 mile per hour limit has reduced traffic fatalities, injuries and costly accidents. It also saves us about three and one half billion gallons of gasoline each year. I was shocked at the Republican platform plank opposing the 55-m.p.h. limit. The Republicans have simply sold out to the most sinister influences in the trucking industry.

Waxman said he would fight for a strong plank in the Democratic Party platform in support of the 55 m.p.h. limit. He also expressed hope the party's presidential nominee would take a strong stand on the speed limit issue.

The Congressman indicated deep satisfaction that compliance with the 55 m.p.h. rule has risen steadily since it was imposed in 1974. Quoting Department of Transportation statistics, Waxman said that over half of the American drivers are now "pretty faithfully observing the 55 m.p.h. limit."

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